

Explainer of Proposals from Zoom Meeting of MI with Clubs held on Sat 7 Aug 2021

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Proposed Changes/Additions

1 – Membership of the Various Commissions: The rotating "Club" nominees to the various bodies will continue as before, as will the nomination of the Chairman. However, all other seats will be selected by a "Nominating Panel" from a panel of individuals who are proposed by a Club member of any club, accept that nomination, and submit the proposal, acceptance and a short Motorsport "CV" to MI.

While details of the Nominating panel will be released later, it will be modelled on the FIA Nominations Panel. This Panel has 6 members, 2 each nominated by 3 FIA organisations.so we can probably expect a similar degree of "in house" membership of "our" nominations body - if so, this would significantly limit the degree of independence of the Nominations Panel.

Interestingly, this structure has been announced for "all Commissions". If so, it would also include Technical, Rules, Safety etc., - that could be significant, but in any case, all will depend on the independence of the Nominations Panel

2 – Competitors Commission: A new Competitors Commission will be set up. Members of this will be nominated by Clubs, 1 per Club, with all nominees having competed in a single discipline at least twice in each of the 3 previous years (with 20/21 being disregarded). This body will be headed by Donagh Kelly, and will obviously be mainly rally focused, but will have a remit (and members) extending beyond that. It is a response to the setting up of the IRC, and what it will actually do is unclear, but the idea is to give competitors a voice.

3 – Competitors Consultative Panels: Competitors Consultative Panels will be set up. There would be a panel per discipline – e.g. rally, race, autoX, Mudplug, etc ., Anyone who has competed on 2 events p.a, in any discipline can nominate themselves for the panel for that discipline, and there will be no limit to membership numbers. However, only limited use will be made of these panels. The intention is that if a Commission has in mind a particular rule change, they could consult with the relevant panel, but only with 5 of the panel, with names drawn from a hat at "CAC" meetings. It is unclear if Commissions would be obliged to so consult – it would appear not.

4 - "CAC" The Competitions Advisory Committee was suspended just before Covid with the intention that it be replaced with less frequent meetings with Club Chairmen. The "new" requirement is that the Clubs will have to nominate, at the start of the year, the Chairman & two other directors, 2 out of 3 to attend meetings, possibly 4 a year, which will be "reformed" CAC meetings but with a new name. Information on Proposed Rule changes would form part of the Agenda, but not to the extent of the meeting being asked to approve them.

5 – "Congress": An annual congress, to be attended by the "CAC" delegates will be held, at which a more rounded overall view would be discussed, and proposed alterations of certain types of rules (but by no means all) would be presented for approval. Other items on the Agenda would include nominations to the various Commissions for the following Year, vote for Regional Seats on the MSC, and finalisation of next year's calendar.

So – if you have any desire to have your voice heard, or to get involved in the administrative side of the sport, or if you think that someone else would be suitable, read again 1, 2 & 3 above in particular, and proceed accordingly!